Public Law 99-248
99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the month of March 1986 as "National Hemophilia Month".

Feb. 18, 1986
[S.J. Res. 150]

Whereas hemophilia is an incurable hereditary disorder that prevents proper coagulation of the blood;

Whereas hemophilia, which strikes males almost exclusively, occurs in one of every four thousand live male births regardless of race, nationality, or family economic status;

Whereas hemophilia can lead to disabilities or death for some hemophiliacs;

Whereas, despite recent medical advances in the diagnosis and treatment of hemophilia, many hemophiliacs continue to face unpredictable medical complications due to the disorder;

Whereas, with proper medical treatment and adequate financial assistance, hemophiliacs can live healthy, normal, and independent lives; and

Whereas increased public awareness of the causes and effects of hemophilia will help dispel many common misconceptions concerning the disorder: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of March 1986 is hereby designated as "National Hemophilia Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved February 18, 1986.

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